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- 1. An attempt to assassinate General Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, was made during the General's recent inspection tour of East Punjab. Six persons have been sentenced to death in connection with the plot; several high army officers are believed involved.
- 2. General Cariappa as a South Indian is resented by Sikh officers of the Indian Army. The ESS is capitalizing on the North-South split among army officers, persuading Sikh officers, whom informant considers treacherous and unreliable, to spread dissension. Officers from Travancore, Maharashtra and Madras are invariably loyal to General Cariappa.

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